Progress in construction of Delhi Metro

133. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the progress in the construction of different sectors of the Delhi Metro;

(b) whether the work in the different sectors is conforming to the schedule;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to expedite the construction work; and

(d) by when all the phases of the Metro service are likely to be fully operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a)

Line	%age of progress as on 30.6.2003
(i) Line No. 1 Shahdara-Tri Nagar-Barwala	64%
(ii) Line No. 2 Vishwa Vidyalaya-Central Secretariat	53%
(iii) Line No. 3 Barakhamba Road-Connaught Place-Dwarka.	10%

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The phase I of Delhi Metro is expected to become operational by September 2005. Decision on subsequent phases of the project is yet to be taken.

High-rise building in Delhi

134. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Delhi has sixty-eight high rise buildings which are highly unsafe as they do not conform to the 12 point fire safety standards issued by the Delhi Fire Serivce;

(b) if so, the steps that have been taken to ensure compliance with fire standards by these buildings; and

(c) the future strategy being adopted so that unsafe buildings are not allowed to be occupied till safety standards are complied with?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Chief Fire Officer, Government of National Capital Territory, Delhi (GNCTD) has reported that notices have been issued to the owners/ occupiers of such buildings under the provisions of Delhi Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Act 1986 and Rules 1987 allowing time to proivde fire protection measures. On inspection of high rise buildings, 5 Nos. of such buildings have been presently sealed for non-implementation of 12 fire safety requirements.

(c) The new buildings are not allowed tobe occupied till fire safety standards have been complied with and requirement of fire safety clearance is mandatory for occupation of new buildings covered under Building Bye Laws 1983.

Development of NCR

135. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the status of development of the National Capital Region and the allocations for its development during the last three years and whether these funds were utilised fully;

(b) if so,whether it is being ensure that civic facilities like drinking water, roads, power etc. are concurrently developed; and

(c) whether Government are aware that Ghaziabad colonies of NCR like Suryanagar, Chandernagar,Ramprastha, are being denied Ganga water inspite of a firm commitment by UP Government to allocate 5-7 cusescs of Ganga water to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) The National Capital Region Planning Board